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SUBJ: WORLD PATENT DEVELOPMENT CORP: DR. EPHRAIM EINHORN

REF: MOSCOW 16748

1. DURING MOST OF EINHORN'S OFF-AND-ON STAY IN BUCHAREST, WHICH BEGAN LAST WINTER, HE MADE FEW DIRECT REQUESTS FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE .
EINHORN WAS FIXTURE IN LOBBY OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, OUT OF WHICH HE OPERATED EVEN AFTER MAKING PRIVATE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS DURING LATTER PORTION OF HIS SOJOURN IN BUCHAREST. HE SEEMED WELL ARMED WITH LISTS OF ROMANIAN CONTACTS IN SECTORS OF INDUSTRY WITH WHICH HE WAS DEALING, WHICH INCLUDED GLASS, PLASTICS, CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS. HE MADE HIS OWN APPOINTMENTS EXCEPT FOR SOME EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS STAY. EMBASSY DID PASS SOME MESSAGES FOR HIM WHEN ROMANIAN FTOS CALLED EMBASSY AFTER FAILING TO REACH HIM AT HOTEL, BUT WE DID NOT OFFER TO EXPEDITE RESPONSES FROM ROMANIAN FTOS, DESPITE EINHORN'S FREQUENT COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROMANIAN SLOWNESS. DECISION NOT TO INTERCEDE FOR HIM WAS BASED ON RECORD OF PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN HUNGARY AND CZECH-OSLOVAKIA AND HIS UNORTHODOX MODE OF OPERATION HERE (E.G., HE DECLINED TO GIVE EMBOFF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE AT WHICH HE COULD BE REACHED AFTER MOVING OUT OF INTERCONTINENTAL.) ALSO, EINHORN, ACTING FOR WORLD PATENT DEVELOPMENT CORP, BECAME INVOLVED IN
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TRANSACTIONS WELL BEYOND COMPETENCE OF WPDC AS WE UNDERSTANT IT,

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SUCH AS EFFORT TO BUY SEVERAL MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL FOR ROMANIA AT PEAK OF OIL CRISIS. ACCORDING TO EINHORN, DEAL FELL THROUGH AT LAST MINUTE.

2. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY IMPROPRIETY ON EINHORN'S PART, NOR HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS FROM ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THE DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATING WITH HIM IN VIEW OF HIS HAVING NO OFFICE OTHER THAN THE INTERCONT-INENTAL LOBBY. HE APPARENTLY HAD WIDE CONTACTS AMONG THE BUCHAREST JEWISH COMMUNITY AND WOULD OCCASIONALLY TURN UP AT PARTIES GIVEN BY SOME OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.
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